

THE TIMES Today

With the flat and National Hunt seasons overlapping, today is racing's busiest day of the year, with 16 meetings. The full programmes appear on page 13. Bernard Levin writes on 90 minutes of musical magic without once mentioning Wagner, and Gerald Kaufman questions the morality of Britain's arms trade. On the Spectrum page, looking back on the first men to look down on Everest.

Tomorrow



Edward Heath calls for international cooperation to expand the world economy - and who better to lead it, he argues, than those monetarists who are now seeing the light? Roger Scruton looks at who are the real fascists in Britain today. Spectrum talks to theatre producer Michael White as he picks up the pieces after the biggest flop in London's theatre history. Plus Suzy Menkes on this summer's holiday fashion.

Seamen threaten strike after Navy seizes own ship

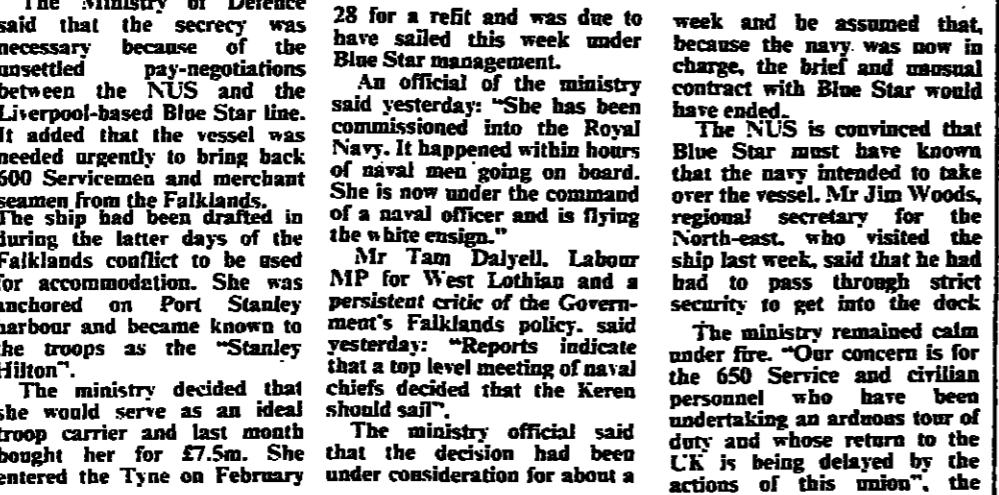
By Paul Routledge and John Witherow

Leaders of the National Union of Seamen are threatening world-wide strike reprisals against the Royal Navy over the seizure of HMS Keren, a South Atlantic troopship delayed in Wallsend docks by a civilian pay dispute. The sailing of the Cunard Countess, carrying 600 relatives of the Falklands dead from Montevideo, Uruguay to Port Stanley this week may be halted by industrial action being planned by the union. NUS leaders have been called into emergency session at their headquarters in Clapham, London, tomorrow to determine the scale of disruption to the Merchant Navy fleet. A telex message was sent yesterday to all ocean-going seamen saying: "All NUS members world-wide advised be prepared for industrial action."

Mr James Slater, the union's general secretary, who signed the cable, accused the Ministry of Defence of staging "an Argentine-style raid against an unarmed merchant vessel". He added: "We haven't got gunsboats to protect our interests. All we have is our labour and expertise and we shall use that." A strike in the South Atlantic was not ruled out. The dispute between the NUS and the Government exploded after the union learnt that the Keren, a 9,000-ton former Sealink ferry on the Harwich-Hook of Holland route, had slipped her moorings at dead of night on Thursday. Her civilian crew had been sent home for Easter leave. Mr Jerry Wiggin, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, was unrepentant about the Royal Navy's clandestine operation which involved ratings and officers going aboard in civilian clothes so that they would not be recognized. She was then commissioned into the navy. "I do not think there was anything underhand about this", he said in a radio interview yesterday. "I deeply resent that suggestion. I have a responsibility to move my troops and I have to take the necessary action for that."

'She now flies the white ensign'

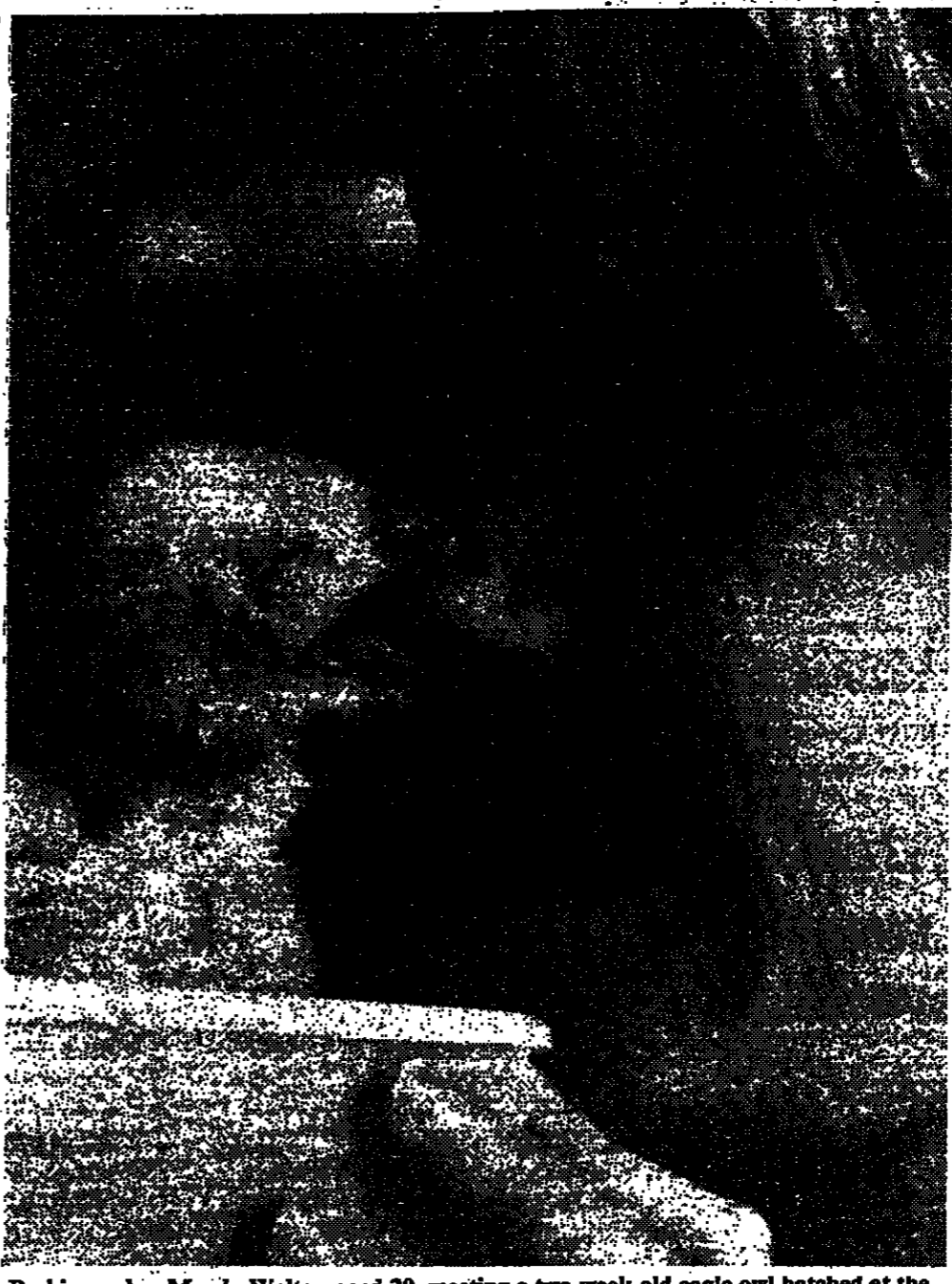
Operation Keren took place at 11.45pm on Thursday. Two buses drew up at Wallsend dry dock on the River Tyne and 55 naval seamen dressed as civilians were waved through by a security guard and clambered aboard the darkened and unmanned Keren. Thirty-six hours later the former Sealink ferry slipped moorings and towed by tugs to spend the night anchored two miles offshore. According to the National Union of Seamen, the pilot was told the ship was undergoing engine trials. The Ministry of Defence said that the secrecy was necessary because of the unsettled pay-negotiations between the NUS and the Liverpool-based Blue Star line. It added that the vessel was needed urgently to bring back 600 Servicemen and merchant seamen from the Falklands. The ship had been drafted in during the latter days of the Falklands conflict to be used for accommodation. She was anchored on Port Stanley harbour and became known to the troops as the "Stanley Hilton". The ministry decided that she would serve as an ideal troop carrier and last month bought her for £7.5m. She entered the Tyne on February 28 for a refit and was due to have sailed this week under Blue Star management. An official of the ministry said yesterday: "She has been commissioned into the Royal Navy. It happened within hours of naval men going on board. She is now under the command of a naval officer and is flying the white ensign."



HMS Keren sailing out of the Tyne on Saturday.

Whitelaw and Pym see shadow of axe

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent Two of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's most senior ministers, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, and Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary, are aware that they face replacement by the Prime Minister's "own men" in the event of an outright Conservative victory at the next election. Mr Whitelaw's friends say that he has decided to stand again at the next election simply to block any attempt to replace him at the Home Office with Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment. The Home Secretary, who has been one of Mrs Thatcher's most loyal ministers in spite of fundamental doubt about the Government's economic policies, would have an effective veto on the Home Office succession; he would apply it if Mr Tebbit's name was put forward. His most likely replacement would therefore be Mr Cecil Parkinson, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, who, while one of Mr Thatcher's inner circle, would not be expected to apply abrasive right-wing policies to a traditionally middle-of-the-road department. Westminster sources suggest that Mr Whitelaw would probably become Leader of the Lords, while continuing in his unofficial role as deputy Prime Minister; a position which would enable him to block any attempt to extend unbridled right-wing dogma into the Government's social policy.



Pecking order: Mandy Walter, aged 20, meeting a two-week-old eagle owl hatched at the Falconry Centre, Newent, Gloucestershire. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Russia still hoping for missiles deal

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Western military and strategic experts say that despite the rejection by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, of President Reagan's "interim proposal" on medium range missiles, the Soviet Union still hopes to reach agreement with the United States and is counting on Western Europe to force Washington into further concessions. Moscow would only withdraw from the Geneva arms control talks "as a last resort", sources said. Mr Gromyko's remarks at a press conference on Saturday showed that the Kremlin remains anxious to avoid the full deployment of new Nato missiles in Europe. Mr Gromyko gave a bravura performance, speaking for more than two hours almost without notes. It was his first Moscow press conference for four years, and underlined his status and importance to the Soviet leadership in its current efforts to impress Western public opinion in the war of words over missiles. Mr Gromyko flatly rejected Mr Reagan's proposal for parity in medium range missile warheads as "unacceptable". His tone was mild, however, and tronic rather than aggressive. He emphasized that the Soviet Union could not be pressured into making last minute concessions, and said Mr Reagan's tactics were based on a misunderstanding of the Russian character. The interim proposal was "not serious", and if implemented would leave Nato with almost two and a half times as many medium range warheads in Europe as Moscow. "There was no chance" of an agreement as long as the United States maintained its present position. But Mr Gromyko was deliberately vague about what the Soviet Union would do if Pershing 2 and cruise missiles were deployed. Pressed to be specific, he repeated that his interests were safeguarded. Mr Gromyko said agreement with the United States remained "the preferred option". He rejected the Reagan plan on three counts: It ignored European-based American aircraft capable of carrying nuclear weapons; it left out of account the 162 British and French missiles, even though these were part of overall Nato forces; the United States wanted Russia to abolish its SS20 missiles in Asia as well as Europe. But the Soviet Union needed missiles in Asia to defend itself against American missiles based in Japan, South Korea and Diego Garcia. WASHINGTON: In a detailed and swift response, the State Department has expressed disappointment at Mr Gromyko's "unconstructive initial reaction".

White Easter leaves roads hazardous

Snow covered much of south-east England yesterday morning after overnight blizzards. In parts of Essex up to three inches of snow left many roads icy and treacherous. All roads out of Dover in Kent were blocked for more than an hour in the morning by up to eight inches of snow, or by lorries that had skidded on icy roads. In parts of Sussex up to four inches of snow fell. The worst hit areas were around Rye, Eastbourne and Lewes. Snow and ice also affected roads in

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Five arrests in protest at Faslane

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Five arrests were made yesterday as 1,500 anti-nuclear demonstrators converged on the Royal Navy's Polaris submarine base at Faslane on the Clyde in the last event of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's "Easter programme" of protest. On their arrival the demonstrators began to decorate the perimeter fence with flowers and other "symbols of life" which CND organizers had advised should be "biodegradable". Just as a funeral procession bearing an empty coffin was about to set off towards the main gates, five young demonstrators began to decorate the perimeter fence with flowers and other "symbols of life" which CND organizers had advised should be "biodegradable". Just as a funeral procession bearing an empty coffin was about to set off towards the main gates, five young demonstrators began to decorate the perimeter fence with flowers and other "symbols of life" which CND organizers had advised should be "biodegradable".

Middle East hopes fade

From Robert Fisk Beirut

The last chance of success for President Reagan's Middle East peace plan appeared to be ebbling away last night, as Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, announced that he saw "nothing" in the American proposal for Palestinian self-government in association with Jordan on the West Bank. "I am sorry", Mr Arafat told journalists in Amman just before meeting King Hussein for the third time in two days. "I see nothing because still the Americans completely support... the Israeli aggression, this Israeli military junta's crimes."

Mr Arafat said that he was still committed to the conclusions of the Arab summit at Fez last year, which called for an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital. But, as usual, the PLO leader added a confusing rider, to the effect that the PLO's support for the Reagan plan "depends upon the attitude of President Reagan himself."

Although Mr Arafat did not elaborate, he was almost certainly referring to the PLO's request - hitherto made privately but none the less repeated on several occasions - that the United States should give a guarantee that Israel would withdraw from the occupied West Bank in return for the PLO's approval of the Reagan plan. The White House has only been able to respond to this by repeating its demand for a freeze on Jewish settlements on the West Bank, and by discreet assurances to Arab leaders that the PLO would gain added prestige and strength by supporting the United States proposals, even at the cost of failure. Mr Arafat does not agree.

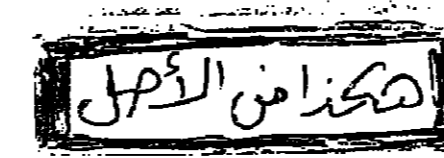
Nor, it seems, do his closest colleagues. Mr Faruk Kaddumi, head of the PLO's political department (in effect, its Foreign Minister) yesterday described the Reagan plan as inadequate. "We refuse to consider it as an adequate base (for negotiations)", he said. Mr Khalil Wazzir, the PLO's military commander, announced that "the Palestinians are not going to give a mandate to anyone. There was a long struggle for sole representation. We are not going to allow anyone to speak for us."

It was Mr Reagan's idea that King Hussein could speak on behalf of the Palestinians in any future negotiations with the Israelis. But unless Mr Arafat has secretly produced some compromise proposal - as he was allegedly trying to do with the Jordanians last week - then the King is in no position to speak on behalf of the PLO, let alone open talks with Israel. The King's own condition for

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Advertisement for John le Carré's 'The Little Drummer Girl' by Hodder & Stoughton £8.95. Includes quotes from TIME MAGAZINE, THE NY TIMES BOOK REVIEW, NEWSWEEK, WASHINGTON POST, WALL STREET JOURNAL, and LOS ANGELES TIMES.

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Sir Keith is challenged to support a new teaching association

From Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent St Helier



Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education, was challenged yesterday to say publicly whether he was in favour of a professional body for teachers.

Speaking in Jersey, where the National Union of Teachers' conference is being held, Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the union, said the previous Secretaries of State had supported such a body...

The movers want the NUT to endorse the peace and disarmament policy adopted by the Trades Union Congress...

Photocopying levy on books planned

Publishers are so annoyed with the widespread photocopying of their books in schools that they are negotiating a licensing system, whereby schools would have to pay 2p for every textbook copied.

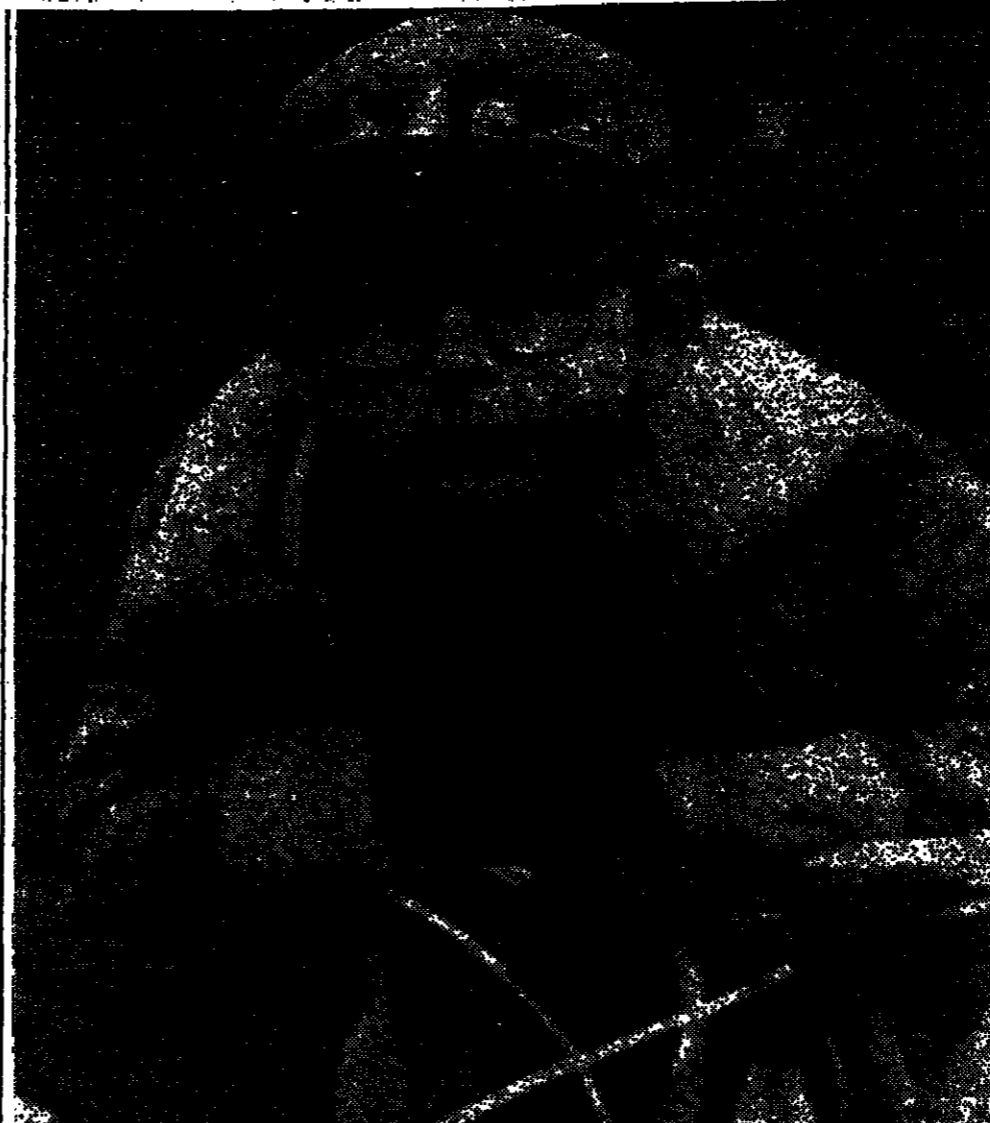
Ms Hutt stands by the manifesto

From Tim Jones Cardiff

Ms Jane Hutt, who is standing for Labour in the by-election at Cardiff, North-West, stands by her party's draft election manifesto...

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"My first reaction of hearing that", she said, "was that the SDP, after the result at Darlington, had to find some wild political to fling at one of their political opponents. Mr Jenkins must be a worried man."



Six-year-old cyclist rides the motorway

A six-year-old boy's Easter trip was brought to an abrupt end yesterday when astonished police spotted him pedalling furiously along the M63 motorway.

Traffic fines up in magistrates' guide

The recommended penalty for driving without insurance should be almost doubled, from the present fine of £60 to £100.

Gromyko 'playing to gallery'

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Planet X cleared of upsetting Neptune

By the Staff of Nature

Man dies after being attacked in Armagh

A Roman Catholic man died in hospital yesterday of injuries inflicted by a gang of men in Lurgan, Co Armagh.

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Christie's St. James's. 8 King Street, London SW1. This week's sales: 5th Glass, English Porcelain and 19th Century European Ceramics at 11 am and 2.30 pm.

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Ms Hutt: "Issues are jobs and peace"

Forensic science and medicine: I

Subtler weapons for the crime fighters

Big advances in the scientific investigation of crime have been accomplished with modern and expensive apparatus developed during basic research in chemistry, biology, physics and medicine.

heavy blow on the head, but it is the forensic science evidence which may confirm whether or not a particular car, blunt instrument or person was implicated.

Sizewell appeal dropped

An appeal to raise £500,000 for the objectors to the Sizewell B inquiry into Britain's proposed first pressurised water reactor (PWR) nuclear power station has been abandoned.

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Reagan policy attacked as waves of Germans protest against the bomb

A prominent Social Democrat told thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators over the Easter weekend that the American concept of strategy was "idiotic" and "a counsel of absolute madness".

CIA arming enemies of Sandinistas

The US Central Intelligence Agency has spent millions of dollars on training and arming opponents of Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista Government.

Song but no dance in Sun City

Many people would say that Greene, and Sha-Na-Na, should have known better, particularly as it was their second visit to Sun City.

Another member of the group, Jon "Bowzer" Bauman, tried to go on with the show to shouts of "where's Greene?"

China and Albania edge towards understanding

Trade relations between Albania and China may be resumed after a recent discreet visit to Tirana by a Chinese trade delegation.

Prince finds his polo is rusty

The Princess met Miss Ann Bolton, aged 23, with whom she shared a Knightsbridge flat before her marriage.

The Prince said afterwards that he had not played polo for seven months, adding which was "not too obvious".



Urbi et orbi: The Pope blessing the crowd in Rome yesterday. He spoke in 44 languages.

Pope says Mass for 100,000 pilgrims and warns on nuclear threat

The Pope, in his Easter message yesterday, affirmed mankind's need of Christ and the Church in a world threatened by ills and disasters, both natural and caused by man.

The Pope called on mankind to submit itself to Christ's power and, in an evident reference to the nuclear threat, said: "The more you notice the horror of death on the horizon of your history, submit yourselves the more fully to His power."

Passions run high in Jerusalem

Scores of undercover Israeli policemen and agents of Shin Bet, the local equivalent of MI5, attempted to mingle inconspicuously with the tens of thousands of Christian pilgrims gathered over the Easter weekend in the walled city of Jerusalem.



Easter patrol: Armed Israeli soldiers watching crowds of pilgrims and tourists in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Two faces of Argentina's remembrance day

Argentina today marks the first anniversary of the invasion of the Falkland Islands with official ceremonies to honour the servicemen who died.

Nizcor Costa Mendez, the former Foreign Minister, said that the occupation of the islands had been carried out with a view to a negotiated solution with Britain.

Mrs Bhutto in Britain for private visit

Begum Nusrat Bhutto, widow of the former Pakistan Prime Minister, who was executed exactly four years ago today, has arrived in Britain on a private visit.

Spanish praise for Thatcher

Madrid - Mrs Thatcher has been praised as a true statesman by Senor Fernando Moran, the Spanish Foreign Minister.

China to barter with Russia

Peking (Reuters) - China and the Soviet Union will soon sign a border trade agreement, their first for about 20 years.

Boeing scare

Honkong (AP) - A British Airways Boeing 747 had an emergency landing at Honkong last night after developing engine trouble.

Lippizaner foal

Fiber (AP) - One of three Austrian Lippizaner brood mares receiving interferon against a killer epidemic has given birth to a healthy foal.

\$6m gold haul

New York (Reuters) - Thieves using a sledgehammer smashed their way into a jewelry store here and stole more than 900lb of gold chain valued at about \$6m (£4m).

Gulf alert

Mariana (AFP) - The return of the north wind is threatening to drive a series of oil slicks the size of Belgium towards six Gulf countries.

Train strike

Lisbon (Reuters) - Portugal's striking train drivers have proclaimed an indefinite stoppage to protest against the Government's attempt to dismiss drivers who had refused to maintain a skeleton service.

Lashing offence

Masipito (AFP) - Mozambique has introduced public floggings for subversion. People found guilty of "crime against the security of the people and state" can be publicly lashed up to 30 times.

Quake panic

San Jose (AP) - An earthquake in Costa Rica caused confusion, panic and minor damage in the capital where about 300 people were treated for shock.

Grand prix riot

Sydney (AP) - Sixteen police were taken to hospital after seven hours of rioting at the Australian motor cycle Grand Prix at Bathurst, west of Sydney.

Malaysia ends British boycott

Malaysia has dropped its "buy British last" policy. Government departments have been told to resume purchases of British goods in the normal way.

British troops during Falklands war

They "demonstrated an almost uniformly high standard of skill and performance" in terrible weather conditions, it said in a report entitled Lessons of the Falklands.

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# THE ARTS

## Theatre Laying it on too thick

Colette O'Neil:  
wit and tenderness



### Commedia

Lyric Studio,  
Hammersmith

Transferred from the Sheffield Crucible Studio in Michael Boyd's production which opened last November, Marcella Evaristi's play is about an exploited woman: the 52-year-old Elena, widowed quite a few years, who entrusts her grown-up family by her passionate affair with a left-wing intellectual 20 years her junior. Exploited, that is, twice over. Once by the smothering disciplines of Glasgow-Italian society with the Madonna at the back of its mind, which recognizes only the black-clad widow or the whore, without a place for a physically aware

woman in love; and once by the playwright.

Early on, daughter-in-law Gianna gives an alarming account of Italian widows crumbling from chic ladies to drunken grannies practically overnight. The family do not demand that of Elena, but the money they spend on extending her kitchen shows the humdrum domesticity they do expect of her. Finding her happy in Davide's Bologna flat, they brutally close ranks. At last Davide backs off, saying "I haven't the resources to extricate you from your purgatory," which leaves her to a future of occasional opera treats with Gianna (now herself widowed) and clearing her attic of untidy memories.

It should have been a very moving story. Elena's years as a good mother "turned every-

thing outside the front door into a different territory". Similarly with Gianna: her incessant nervous allergies are probably connected with marriage to Cesare, whose male-centred reactions are so ingrained that he cannot mention an aunt's suicide without adding "It nearly killed her husband, poor man".

And there is the trouble. Miss Evaristi is eloquent, inventive, bringing a whole little world to life. But she lays it all on so thick. The enormity of Elena's position is self-evident without overloading. But no: the family pair her up, not with a civilized man, which would have been too reasonable, but a fumbling old hotelier from Falkirk. They say her young clothes look absurd while the designer Roger Glossop is stylishly proving the opposite. Cesare is suddenly

killed by the Bologna station bomb while train-spotting, thus showing the danger of resurgent fascism and the basic little-boy-ishness of men at one stroke. And Davide, who is set on changing the world, declines the challenge of changing even a corner of it, though Elena tells him "You taught me every single thing was political".

The wit and tenderness of Colette O'Neil and Peter Wight make their affair both beautiful and believable. Janette Foggo finds the repressed, repressive Gianna full of comedy as well as pathos, and as the actor son Stefano, who has advanced into a glossier world without shedding any prejudices, James McKenna comes boldly with a character which only just works.

Anthony Masters

## The Time of Your Life Other Place

They have finally built a bar at the Other Place. Now the bad news: it is only on the stage, which is sad since any bar run by John Thaw would probably be an entertaining place to be. But the bar he presides over as William Saroyan's character Nick is not really somewhere I would want many meals.

It is the sort of bar I always dreaded to find until I realized it seldom exists, outside the movies and the theatre: peopled entirely by lovable character parts, who come in not to have a drink but to tell us their life histories, hopes and fears and display the author's warm humanity. In Saroyan's printed version there are 27 of them.

At its habitual table, with his back to the San Francisco waterfront, is Joe (Daniel Massey), studying the world and its inhabitants, seeking and encouraging their innate goodness. Fortunately provided with infinite wealth, he pays rent for the starving, assures the newsboy that his singing voice is great, buys toys and candy, fixes a job for the innocent kid Tom who wants to marry the golden-haired tart.

Saroyan once wrote (not of this work) "If this play can bore a man, I would like to know if any play could escape boring him... Here is a play as real as a street corner" and went on to the modest suggestion that such critics would probably be bored by seeing Our Lord walk on the water.

The fallacy applies equally here. Making compelling drama

out of humble minutiae requires a special quality of either technical skill or natural genius. Saroyan did not have it but he had a number of things he would have done better without, including winsome sentimentality and a smug contempt for structure. The godfather proves nothing and when the evil police chief appears there is someone equally convenient to see him off.

Howard Davies's production is an exquisite showcase for RSC acting and directing. It also, I think deliberately, tones down the extreme, the rosinness of the picture and the overdraw of the characters. The newsboy (played with innocent spontaneity by Paul Spence) is not an undiscovered star; it is simply good that he should think so. Nor is Dudley, forever making frantic calls to his Elsie but ready to date the first wrong number, the grotesque that Saroyan, a little patronizingly, describes. Miles Anderson makes him real, funny and pathetic. This clears the way for the one larger-than-life figure, Henry Goodman as Harry the "natural-born hooper" (originally Gene Kelly's role).

Mr Massey's few extra years give Joe a useful maturity. His gentle irony helps so many of his lines, and he and the sweetly impulsive Paul Greenwood (Tom) play beautifully together. And as Kitty Duval, the two-dollar hooker dreaming of a country estate and a book of verse beneath the bough, Zoé Wanamaker has just the right "delicate and rugged beauty"; she never tear-jerks, but she wrings the heart.

Anthony Masters

## Dance: Northern Ballet A lot of music

### Paradise Lost RNCM, Manchester

Geoffrey Cauley's new three-act production for Northern Ballet Theatre is not based on Milton's poem. Up to that point, I can write with some assurance; but now, uncertainty begins.

We start, after a snatch of music by Bach, with a gentleman in a kind of scorched-looking black desert outfit. He stretches and poses while a soprano sings "Vissi d'arte". The programme tells us that he is Lucifer. Adam and Eve appear: you can tell them by their pink body-tights. A black tribesman in body paint finds a flower bedded in sand, which Eve puts in her hair, and a crystal ball for Adam to gaze at. Thus equipped, the pair of them rapidly produce a large batch of similarly "naked" children, who stare at each other to some pietistic music (we have run through four composers so far, with another eight to come) until they are sent packing by a gentleman who must be an angel.

In Act II, Isadora Duncan dances to entertain a group of whores in fancy dress, two lovers in baby clothes, three young women in afternoon dresses and two gentlemen in white tie and tails. After that, a different Eve, in a long black dress, summoned by a whistle, dances an exhibition number

with Lucifer, before changing into something more comfortable to captivate a man in a white jacket who invents beauty products.

He resists her kisses and further blandishments, but she manages to steal his formula which is then passed to three sinister chaps during a rehearsal of *Les Sylphides* in which Eve mark II shocks the corps de ballet by wearing a semi-transparent body-suit. This enables the Bomb to go off (incidentally filling the auditorium with disgusting smoke).

Act III has a group of survivors in protective clothes; once the white angel persuades one of them to remove some of her layers she becomes Eve mark III. Lucifer is apparently killed and everybody (Eve mark II watching contritely) joins in a celebration, but Lucifer is still alive hidden among the sand-bags.

The score is a mish-mash, ranging from Beethoven to Irving Berlin, from Parkin (who he?) to Ravel, and Cauley's choreography pays this music scant respect. I am sure that some serious intention lay behind this muddled nonsense, and with luck it will ring a bell for people who feel intensely but vaguely about Africa, pollution and disarmament.

I cannot pretend to have enjoyed it greatly, but at least it gave the dancers something different to do, and I certainly cannot say that I was ever bored. John Percival

### Television

## The expression of communal yearning

"Promise, hope, faith, fame" was the inspiration for the arrogant and quite untalented *Kids from Fame* (BBC 1), a clear case of the message overwhelming a frail medium. And, not unlike *The Day Christ Died* (Channel 4), television's longest contribution to the Easter ceremonies in which the central role was played by someone apparently from the Bronx: it would have required more than a miracle to make him interesting. Even the sacrificial lambs looked bored, although I suspect that they were drugged.

When in the same film Eleanor Bron appeared as the Virgin Mary, people began losing their faith all over England - not in Christianity but in casting agents. Was Peter Ustinov playing God somewhere? I expect so, but I am not sure: I only saw him displaying his "versatility" in an embarrassing manner in *Imaginary Friends* (BBC 2). He played six roles, all of them as himself.

The South Bank Show (LWT) described the history of English choirs - from monastic plainchant to the Huddersfield Choral Society. To ask why people sing in this manner is rather like asking why people celebrate religious ceremonies of last weekend's kind; song embodies feelings and attitudes which could not otherwise be expressed, not simply on the level of individual hope and consolation but also that of communal yearnings - "All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray".

Collective song is more than the sum of the individual voices simply because it does represent a collective endeavour - the relationship between people is as important as the people themselves. Evangelist preachers encouraged choral singing in the newly industrialized areas of the nineteenth century because it offered a relief from such grim surroundings; but I suspect that such societies flourished in the expectation that the common human energy involved might one day transform those surroundings also.

For once, in a programme about music, the pictures complemented the music. And indeed, by showing the ancient

cathedrals and the rapt faces from which that music springs, they actually enhanced it. By confirming, albeit the historical continuity of the choral form and the music which sustains it, we got much closer to the spirit of religious celebration and triumph than in any of the celluloid piety offered by the other networks.

But the most notable production over Easter has to be that of *King Lear* (Channel 4). It was billed as being "presented by" Laurence Olivier and, really, he might have written it as well. The sight of him, at the age of 75, being drowned by hundreds of gallons of cold water was enough to obliterate any memory of Shakespeare himself. Olivier hardly blinked in the deluge; he moved from tribal chiefdom to madman and then to tragic hero simply by altering the timbre of his voice.

The face is astonishingly smooth, like that of an infant, which is appropriate enough, since he seems new-born in each part he plays - discovering his emotions only in the act of expressing them. As he speaks, his eyes flicker from side to side as if the world were altogether out of focus, as if nothing were real outside himself.

It was an extraordinary performance, and his abilities not only outpaced those of the other distinguished performers but also, perhaps fortunately, obscured the limitations of yet another television adaptation of Shakespeare. The problem is that the camera creates a space quite different from that of the stage: declamation and spectacle are forced to give way to intimacy and naturalism. In such an area, Shakespeare's rhodomontade has no place and scenes like that of Edgar's madness, for example, come close to burlesque as a result.

Nevertheless, Olivier's shadow passed over everything so that we could hardly see the faults. Although he does not have the power to move, he has the power to amaze - and that was characteristic of last night's production.

Peter Ackroyd

### Dance: Royal Ballet

## Enjoyment for all

### La Fille mal gardée Covent Garden

I wonder whether, when he created *La Fille mal gardée* 23 years ago, Frederick Ashton had any idea how popular and enduring his pretty daughter would prove to be. It must be the best known of any of the works made for the Royal Ballet and is danced by local companies in places as far apart as Budapest and San Francisco.

At Saturday's Midland Bank prom performance at the Royal Opera House the ballet was enthusiastically received. Ashton has provided something to delight everyone: humour, pathos, romance, virtuosity and some of his most beautiful dances. No matter how many times one sees the ballet there is always something to enjoy, and I invariably leave the theatre feeling better than when I went in.

Saturday marked Stephen Beagley's debut as Colas. Small, neat and good-looking, and possessed of considerable tech-

nical facility, Beagley is one of the Royal Ballet's coming men. If he has had a problem, it is the lack of a strong 51-30 personality.

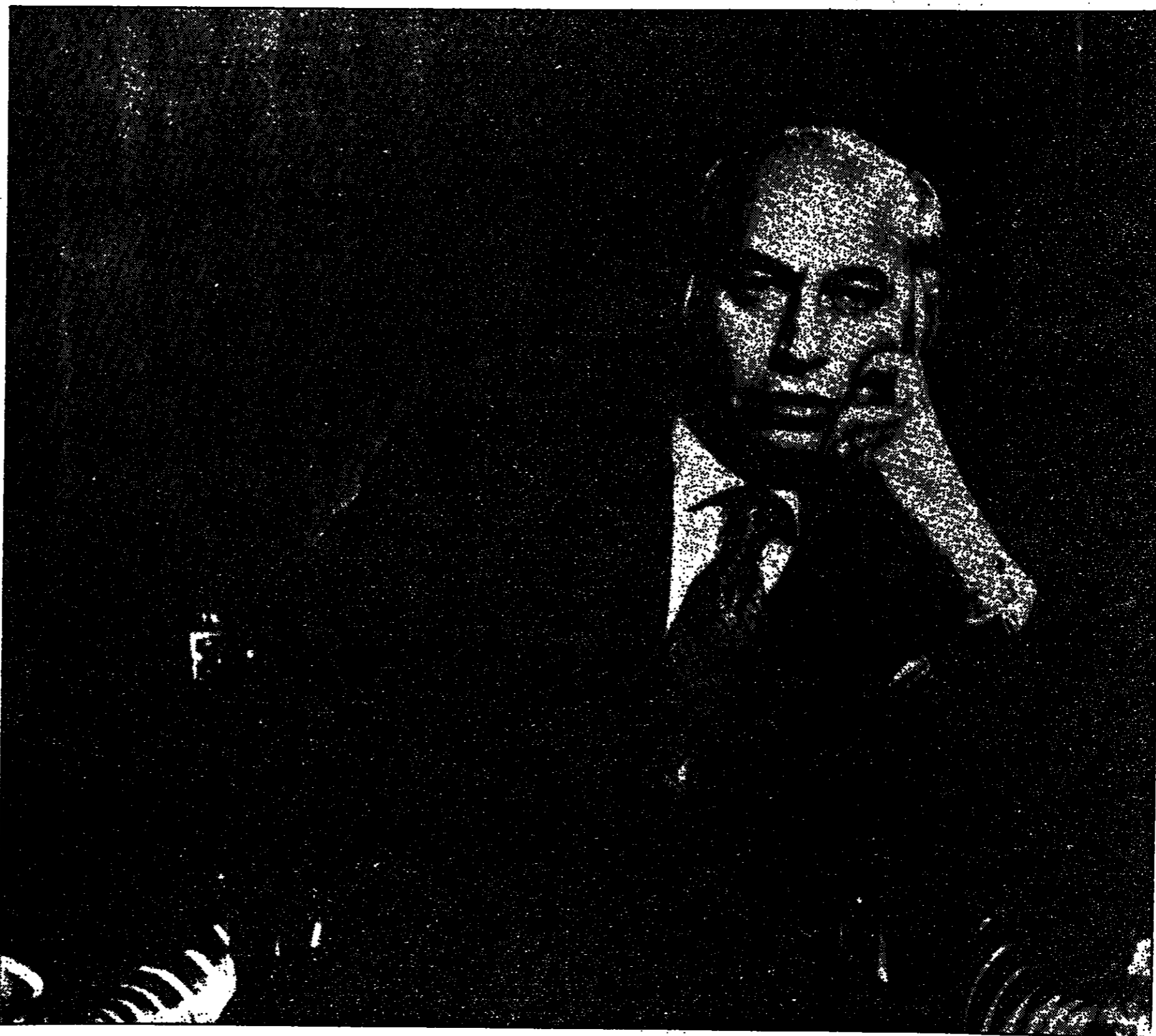
On Saturday he established himself as a character from the first moment: aggressive, good humoured and the obvious candidate for Lisa's hand. I liked the way he marked the point in Act II where the ballet's theme changes from light-hearted romance to marriage and the building of life together, and he found some original touches of humour. The feendishly difficult solos appeared to give him some trouble, but more performances should bring greater confidence.

I could have wished for a greater rapport with his partner, but Wendy Ellis's broad rendering of Lisa appeared to have little in common with the rounded character Beagley was trying to create. Oliver Symons plays the Widow strictly in the pantomime tradition, and on those terms he gives a good performance.

Judith Cruickshank

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In memory of Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto a great leader who served his people tirelessly and gave them a sense of belonging, dignity and a ray of hope.

His status is safe in the custody of the people of Pakistan. We can never forget this courageous leader who continues to lead his people today.

We love you, and you will always live in our memory and our hearts.

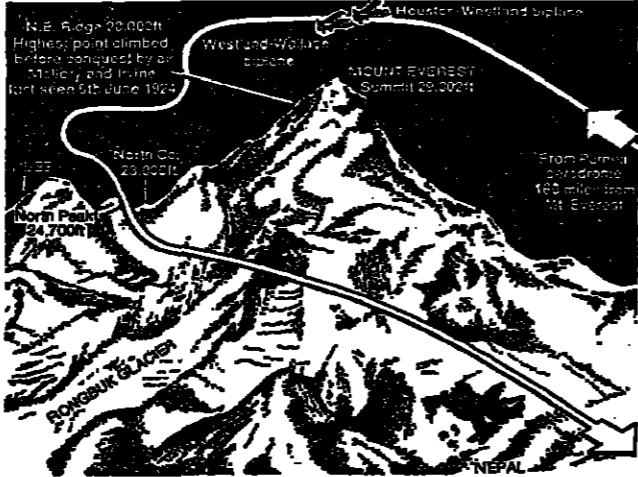
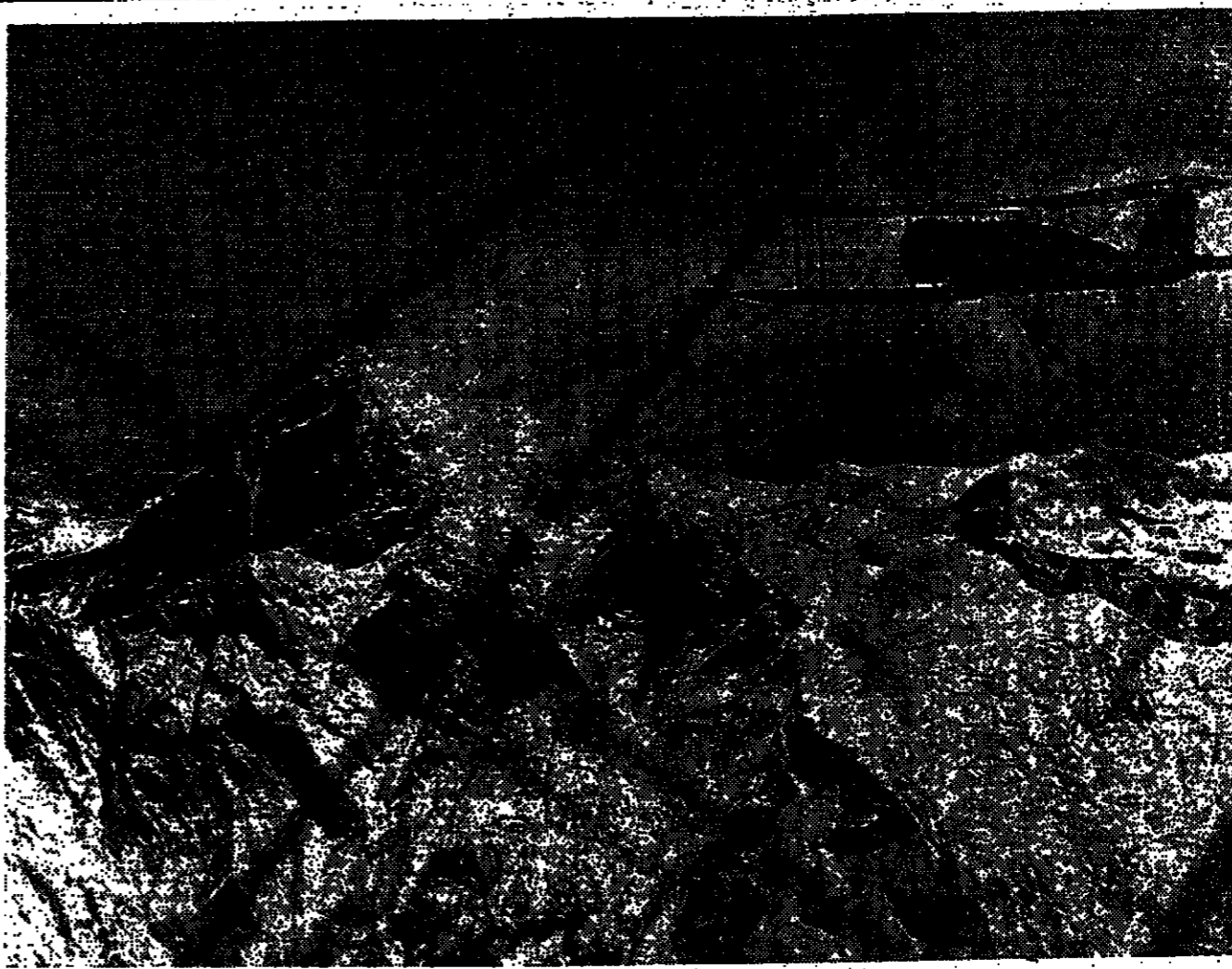
From friends and admirers of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, first elected Prime Minister of Pakistan.

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SPECTRUM

Fifty years ago this week, men looked down from the first time on the top of the world's highest mountain. An expedition led by the intrepid young Marquis of Clydesdale - the MP for East Renfrewshire and a passionate aviator - succeeded, against great danger, in flying over the summit of Everest.



Flying to the roof of the world

At the aerodrome the canvas hangars were opened and the aircraft were pushed on to the landing strip. The cameras were fitted, the oxygen cylinders were installed and connected, and the engines, airframes and rigging were tested.

As they climbed further to 16,000ft the plains below became invisible, and they could only glimpse the foothills. Clydesdale opened up his engines to full power and at 19,000ft both aircraft surfaced from the haze to witness an astounding sight some 50 miles away.

open, I became aware, almost perceptibly, of a sensation of dropping through space. The floor of the machine was falling away below us. I grasped a fuselage strut and peered through my goggles at the altimeter needle. It crept, almost swung down though a couple of thousand feet.

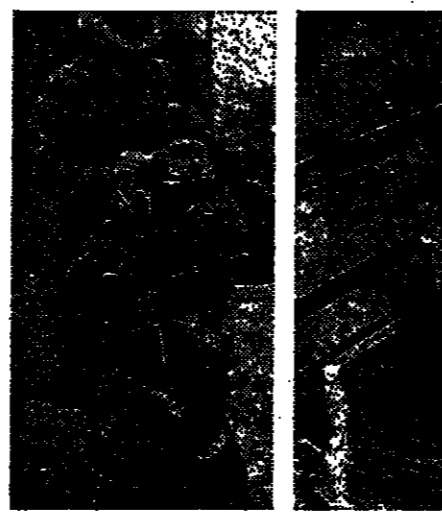
itself out on the glacier beds. I had the feeling that we were hemmed in on all sides, and that we dare not turn away to gain height afresh. A turn to the left meant going back into the down-current and the peaks below; a down-turn, round to the right would have taken us almost instantly into Makalu at 200 miles per hour.

up-current just short of the ridge carried us up by a few feet and we scraped over. The north-east ridge appeared to sweep us vertically from our port wing-tips to the summit, and we could see straight down the sheer north side to the glacier cradles at the base of Everest.

moments in the very plume itself, and as we swung round fragments of ice rattled violently into the cockpit. Clydesdale decided that the risk of continuing to fly relatively low above Everest was too great.

The wind levels, they were told, were 67 mph at 28,000 ft and 58 mph at 30,000 ft. Earlier on it had been laid down that there should be no attempt to fly over Everest if the winds were above 40 mph: the stronger the wind, the more fuel would be consumed.

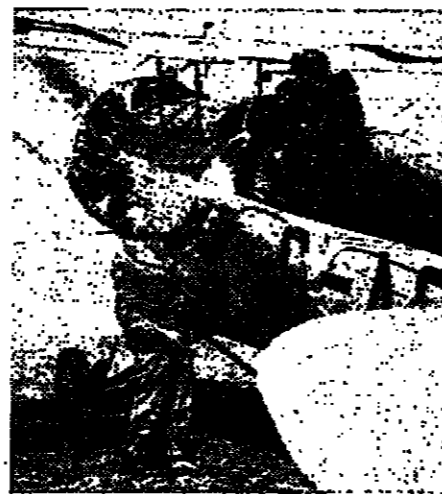
The Houston-Westland climbed up to a height of 31,000 ft, and Clydesdale began to feel more relaxed. Then, only a few minutes from the summit, he had the most unpleasant reality of his life. He and McIntyre knew that in the lee of mountains there could be downdrafts, while on the other side the wind would be deflected upwards, with up currents near the summit.



Left: Col Blacker is fitted with new high-altitude equipment for a test flight. Right: A crate containing one of the aircraft is unloaded at Karachi.

Both aircraft rose steadily and it was confirmed that all apparatus was functioning properly. Blacker and Bonnett had some 46 jobs to perform, none of which could be forgotten without risking the failure of the camera survey.

Blacker, who was working hard with the cameras, recalled vividly what happened: "The scene was superb and beyond description. The visibility was extraordinary and permitted the whole range to be seen on the western horizon. I crouched down, struggling to open the hatchway, to take a photograph through the floor.



Left: Mail for the King, the Prince of Wales and Lady Houston is put on board. Right: British headlines rejoice in the revelations of a successful mission.

TRIUMPHAL Britons Encircle

CAMERAMAN'S LIFE IN PERIL OXYGEN LEAK STOPPED WITH HANDKERCHIEF 320-MILE FLIGHT SPECTACLE NO HUMAN EYES HAD EVER SEEN

MOUNT EVEREST, THE ONLY REMAINING LANDMARK ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE TO HAVE REMAINED UNTOUCHED BY MAN, WAS AT LAST PROVIDED ANOTHER

A Bank Holiday to remember

As an Easter Monday service to holidaymakers, I am pleased to present some of the more unusual events and attractions on show today.

Steam Radio Rally, High Wycombe. An all-day gathering for enthusiasts of the huge old steam radio, once a familiar item on the British landscape.

Polish seamen begging for asylum. Times Crossword Health Farn. A two-day crash course based on the revolutionary idea that slimming can be achieved through mental stress as well as dieting.

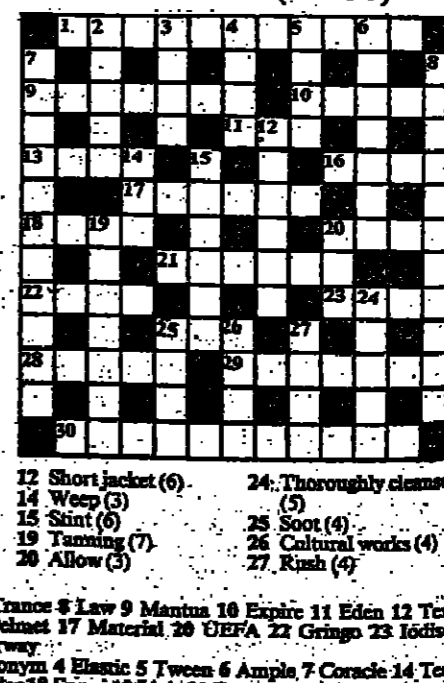
SAS Cookery Demonstration, Lundy Island. Devotees of outdoor cooking and barbecues will not want to miss this chance of seeing the legendary SAS mobile kitchen in action.

Gardens Open To The Public. Too many to mention, but including the following houses: "Minesfield" (courtesy Major-General Sir Max Hastings); "Pilger's Folly" (home of Auberon Waugh in the Barbican); "Gandhi Towers" (Maharishi Attenborough); Lord and Lady Spencer's garden may not be open today if all the flowers have been auctioned at Sotheby's, but check first.

shire. The annual opening of the factory so that customers can see just how the eggs are painted for Easter in the traditional manner. Batteries of chickens, crowded into silted cubicles, are made to paint eggs day and night in 12 glowing colours. Though they hardly seem to have room to wield a paintbrush, and work 22 hours a day under glaring floodlights, the owners assure us that the chickens like it that way and would not know what to do if allowed outside and given an artist's smock and room to move about.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 30)

ACROSS 1 Walkers (11) 9 Died out (7) 10 Hybrid cat (3) 11 Before (3) 12 Metal necktie (4) 13 Hunt in water (4) 14 Severe reprimand (6) 15 Inquisitive (4) 16 Dressing gown (7) 17 Gallery (6) 18 Small animal (4) 19 Emperor (4) 20 Spring (3) 21 Assault (5) 22 Take over again (7) 23 Sun's surface (11) DOWN 2 Penetrate (5) 3 Covered interval (1,1,1,1) 4 Curry (4) 5 Inactive (4) 6 Dressing gown (7) 7 Familiar territory (6,5) 8 Organize (11) SOLUTION To No 29 ACROSS: 1 Oblate 5 France 6 Law 9 Mantua 10 Exotic 11 Eden 12 Tin 13 Atomic 15 Poland 17 Marziani 20 UEFA 21 Gringo 23 Indus DOWN: 2 Brazil 3 Antarctica 4 Elastic 5 Tureen 6 Ample 7 Coracle 14 Teatray 15 Pillion 16 Lander 19 Chant 19 Idolat 21 Fosse



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COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen will open the gardens surrounding Croydon Town Hall to mark the centenary of Croydon's first municipal charter on June 21.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net before tax paid): Drabble, Judge John Frederick, QC, of Marlborough, Suffolk, died at age 73, leaving a will valued at £1,077,606.

Birthdays today

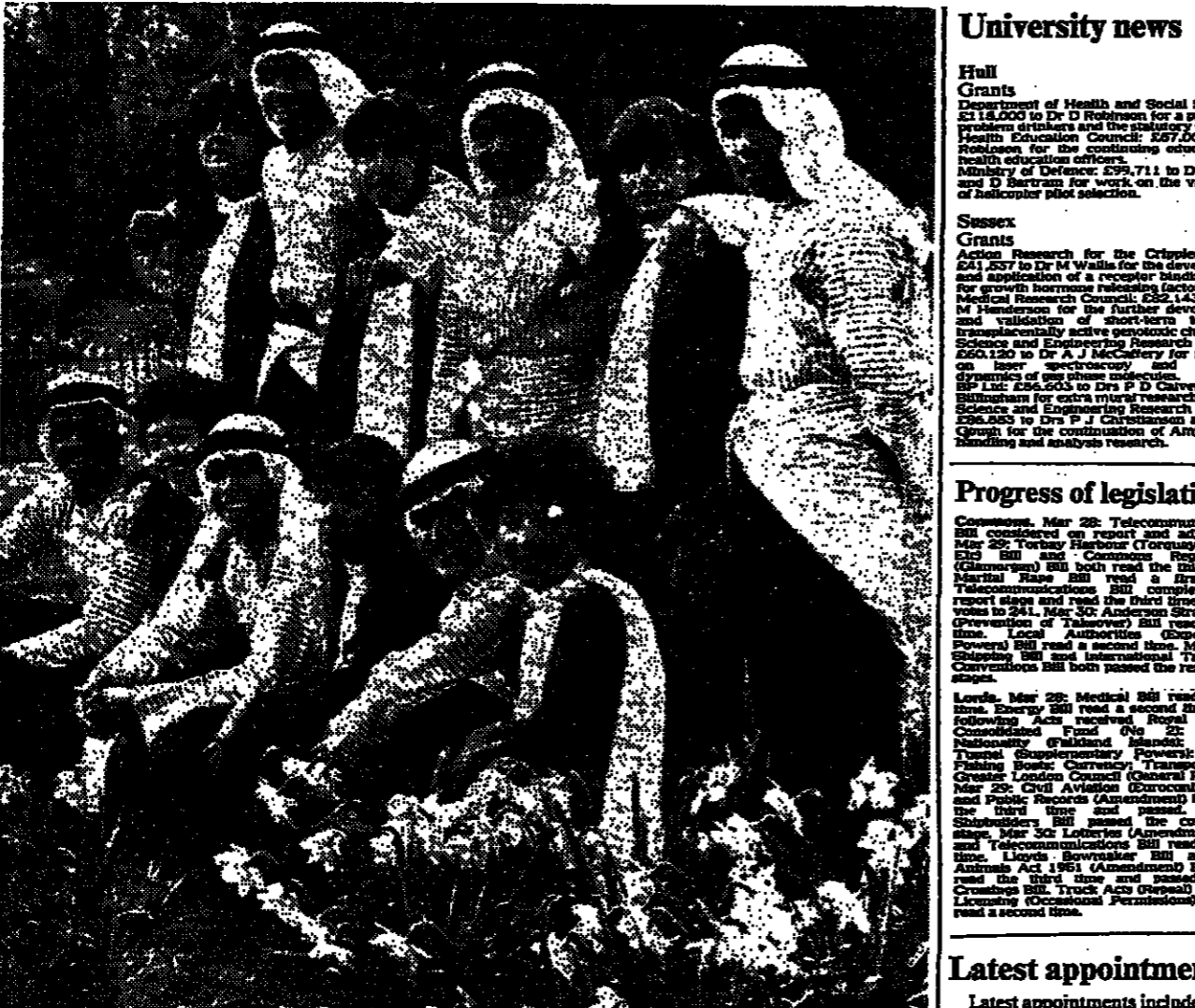
Mr P. J. Attenborough, 45; the Duke of Beaufort, 83; Sir John Beith, 69; the Right Rev D. S. Cross, 55; Sir Francis Evans, 86; Brigadier Anne Field, 57; Mrs J. Griffiths, 68; Earl Jellicoe, 65; Viscount Leathers, 75; the Marques de Santa Cruz, 81.

Memorial service

Sir Michael Cass, The Lord Lieutenant of Somerset was represented by Mr J. A. Clark at a memorial service for Sir Michael Cass held on Saturday, March 26, at St Andrew's, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

Long and winding road to unity

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent. An altogether lower gear has been engaged by the churches in their search for, and progress towards, the unity that has proved so elusive in the past year.



Dancers and daffodils: Palestinian youngsters orphaned during the Middle East troubles enjoying spring in London after a week's tour of Britain dancing and singing traditional Palestinian songs.

OBITUARY

DR WALTER PAGEL Pathologist and medical historian

Dr Walter T. U. Pagel, who died in London on March 25, aged 84, was a distinguished pathologist and an outstanding historian of medicine and science. His principal historical achievement was in placing the discoveries of certain key medical figures of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, notably William Harvey, Paracelsus and Helmont, within their religious and philosophical context.

He became deeply interested in and fascinated by the philosophical and mystical contexts in which scientific and medical discoveries were embedded in the Renaissance and Baroque periods, as the result of a complex development of ideas which went back through the neo-Platonists to Aristotle. The new perspectives offered by this insight dominated his subtle historical studies, and were to have immense influence on younger historians of medicine and science.

University news

Hill Grants. President of Health and Social Security: £14,000 to Dr P. Robinson for a project on chronic disease; £3,000 to Dr Robinson for a project on health education; £27,000 to Dr Robinson for a project on health education; £27,000 to Dr Robinson for a project on health education.

Progress of legislation

Commons, Mar 28: Telecommunications Bill (Government) moved and adopted. Education Bill (Government) moved and adopted. Health Education Bill (Government) moved and adopted.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: US Admiral William Small to be Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces in Southern Europe from next month; in succession to Admiral William Crowe, who becomes Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific in June.

DR MICHAEL DOLLEY

Dr Michael Dolley, FSA, MRIA, sometime Professor of Historical Numismatics in the Queen's University of Belfast, died in Cork on March 29 at the age of 57. He was best known for his research on Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Irish coins, and for his insistence on exacting standards of scholarship.

MR GILBERT PEAKER

Mr Gilbert F. Peaker, CBE, one of the major contributors to educational research in Britain but in the world, has died at the age of 80. He began his work in educational research at the relatively late age of 46. His estimation of standard errors of sampling, published in 1952 in the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, led the field and laid the basis for the drawing of appropriate samples and the correct estimation of errors in the large scale educational surveys which have been undertaken in many countries of the world.

Light of liberty shining through the darkness

Text: Matthew 27: v 45. From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land. Men and women of my generation, and perhaps many of a younger generation as well, will have heard the words of Arthur Koestler's death with a sense of dismay and loss. Here was a man of great distinction, who contributed much to our understanding of the world and of ourselves, a sensitive, compassionate man with his sympathy for others enriched by his own early sufferings, who knew what it was to feel that there was darkness over the whole earth. It was the climax of centuries of savagery and blindness and bigotry, which culminated in the sound of the lash, and the hammer, and the bayonet of the crowds. The cry of anguish on the cross - 'My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?' - had been the cry of many a faithful Jew down the ages, tortured and executed for the faith he held dear. The crucifixion of Christ was not just a world event, it was a cosmic event. The darkness over the earth was the sign of the whole creation groaning in travail until now. It was the darkest moment in the history of mankind, it was the ultimate despair in which both state and church had contributed in their own respective ways. 'We had hoped', said the couple on the way to Emmaus, 'that this would have been He who should have redeemed Israel.' But for that couple now, the Jerusalem of their dreams had turned to ash; Christ was dead, and the last hope of mankind was buried behind a great stone in a tomb the other side of Golgotha. But if only Arthur Koestler had known that there would be an Easter Day, as spring morning with dew on the grass and fragrance in the air. If he had only known that the stone

Dr Stuart Blanch's last Easter Day address as Archbishop of York



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Appointments in the Forces

ROYAL NAVY. REAR-ADMIRALS: J S Gwyn, to be Chief Strategic Systems Director and Chief Naval Engineer, HMS Dryad, Plymouth, May 1983. SURVEILLANCE CAPTAIN: A F Davidson, June 1983.

Mexico's problems could work in England's favour

Bobby Robson's European worries were written to fans elevated to worldy cares. After rightly bemoaning the lack of wit and individual skill in the national side's performance during the European Championship...

FOOTBALL

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

with Devoshaire, the player he most strongly criticized in midweek. Had Robson chosen instead to go to Luton Town's Kenilworth Road...

At Wembley, the cries were justified. Some of Luton's individuals, such as Moss, were clearly feeble and others, such as Hill, sadly anonymous. As the tiny Welsh alone showed the necessary spirit...



Manacled: Unbreakable Bonds for Jobson as West Ham tie up Watford with a 2-1 scoreline.

Robson ready

The England captain Bryan Robson scored twice in a comeback match as Watford beat Luton yesterday, and he pronounced himself fit for league football.

Two crusty men fight Referee heads for booker prize over a mouldy loaf

enough room and time to park both his cars. Fear of losing invaded both teams' game to a disturbing degree. And although it was encouraging to see the young players on both sides there may not be enough of the precocious kind for them to avoid the drop.

Referee heads for booker prize

He had earlier booked Case (22 minutes), Falco (45 minutes), as well as Galvin (59 minutes) and Ramsey (68 minutes), which makes it all sound rather like a bloodbath.

Wednesday wonders Dons back to school

By Hugh Taylor Aberdeen, tidied from the top of the premier division after losing 1-0 to an injury-riddled St. Mirren, spent yesterday at Pittodrie Park...

Duncan returns

John Duncan, who was dismissed by Scunthorpe on February 1, has been named in the squad for the fourth division club, Hartlepool.

Board member dies

Herbert Burnage, a former Millwall chairman, died at his Harrow home. He was still a member of the board at the time of his death, having served for 10 years.

Midland clubs in Vase final

Two West Midlands League clubs will contest the Wembley final of the FA Vase on April 30, Paul Newman writes. In Saturday's semi-final round, second leg matches, Halesowen Town won 2-1 (aggregate 4-2) at Burnham (Athenian League) and VS Rugby 1-1 (aggregate 3-2) at Great Yarmouth Town (Eastern Counties League).

Friday's late results

Table of football results from various leagues including Northern Premier League, Southern League, and others.

WEEKEND RESULTS

Table of weekend football results across multiple divisions, including First division, Second division, Third division, Fourth division, and Scottish premier division.

Hull's relentless march to double

The awesome power and all-round skills of Hull are sweeping them relentlessly towards the Cup and Championship double. There was a brief moment early in the second half of Saturday's Challenge Cup semi-final against Castleford...

Fulham on the way up

Fulham assured themselves of playing in the first division next season with a convincing victory over Keighley by seven tries to nil, John Clewton writes.

TENNIS

Wilder follows in the master's footsteps yesterday. Monte Carlo. Sweden dominated the final day of the Monte Carlo championship yesterday with Mats Wilander...

Picking up Borg's mantle

Wilder, aged 18, defeated Mel Purcell, from Kentucky 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 in 89 minutes to complete his victory for the loss of only 26 games in 11 sets. Borg, who won the title three times, is already under threat.

EQUESTRIANISM Wallaby triumphs

Lesley MacNaught, aged 19, riding Everest, Double Glazing's Wallaby, won the £1,200 first prize in the Crown Life Assurance endurance event at yesterday's Birmingham International.

IN BRIEF

Carter overturns the odds. Alan Carter, from Halifax, starting in the ninth row, overcame enormous odds to win the 250cc race in the French motor cycling Grand Prix at Le Mans. At 18 he is the youngest rider to win a grand prix, Adriane Blue writes.

CYCLING Leaving crowds behind

Jan Raas, of the Netherlands, brilliantly justified his position as favourite by winning the 67th Tour of Flanders in Belgium in undisputed fashion yesterday. He arrived before the crowds clear of his team colleague, Ludo Peeters, of Belgium, and seven other men who had been his breakaway companions for the last three hours of a gruelling race.

MOTOR CROSS

Funke led the way in the 125cc race, with 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-1, 6-1, 7-1, 8-1, 9-1, 10-1, 11-1, 12-1, 13-1, 14-1, 15-1, 16-1, 17-1, 18-1, 19-1, 20-1.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS. BELGIUM: Indian Olympic champion, Tatyana Lebedeva (USSR), 200m, 23.58 sec. GOLF. BELGIUM: Indian Olympic champion, Tatyana Lebedeva (USSR), 200m, 23.58 sec.

ICE SKATING

JACA, Spain. World Professional Figure Skating Championships: 1, D. Boland (USA), 151.50; 2, M. Schwab (Australia), 148.50; 3, M. Gwynne (USA), 147.50; 4, M. Marshall (USA), 146.50; 5, M. Gwynne (USA), 145.50; 6, M. Marshall (USA), 144.50; 7, M. Gwynne (USA), 143.50; 8, M. Marshall (USA), 142.50; 9, M. Gwynne (USA), 141.50; 10, M. Marshall (USA), 140.50.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table of today's fixtures for various sports including Football, Rugby League, Basketball, Boxing, and others.

RUSSIAN FOOTBALL

RUSSIAN FOOTBALL. Premier League: 1. Spartak Moscow, 2. Dinamo Moscow, 3. Lokomotiv Moscow, 4. Torpedo Moscow, 5. CSKA Moscow, 6. Zenit Leningrad, 7. Ararat Yerevan, 8. Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk, 9. Krylia Sovetov Samara, 10. FC Rostov.





Kempton Park

Nottingham

Draw advantage: 71 high.
Total: double 3.0, 4.0. Traber: 2.30, 3.30, 4.30.
Television (ITV) 2.0, 2.30 and 3.30 races.
2.0 REDHANK FILLIES STAKES (3y-o maidens; £2,054: 5f) (7 runners)

2.30 MIDDLESEX HANDICAP (£2,866: 1m 4f) (7)
201 24212: BERRYVET (Lad H de Walden) P Wilmott 9-10
202 21649: FOREFAST (H) (R Hunt) Dunning 4-5-9
203 10909: ROSACAR (G) (Mrs P Vaughton) H 8-11
204 12929: MILLS (J) (Mrs G) (J Taylor) W 8-11

3.30 QUAIL STAKES (£3,726: 6f) (9)
401 12931-0: CAMEST (R) (Mrs D Down) W O'Grady 5-10
402 01100: MEL HEART (D) (Earl Hoag) G Lewis 5-9
403 00900: SWEET MONDAY (D) (R Rafter) J Hill 5-9
404 01310-0: GENTLE (D) (M Wilson) R Soper 4-9

4.30 RUTH WOOD STAKES (3yo maidens; £2,648: 1m 4f) (9)
601 0022: AMANOR PRINCE (P) (Nealon) G Harris 9-0
602 01119-0: CORUS STREET (D) (M Wilford) J Boyle 5-10
603 01310-0: GENTLE (D) (M Wilson) R Soper 4-9

Plumpton

2.15 HOLIDAY HURDLE (Novices; £280: 2m) (7 runners)
34-0: Red Ender 5-11-0 R G Hughes
35-0: Leda 5-11-0 R G Hughes
36-0: Wold 10-7-0 C Grant

3.15 EASTER HURDLE (Selling; £770: 2m) (7)
000 18000: Bess 7-11-0 J Supple
001 21000: Dimple 5-11-0 J Supple
002 02000: Double 5-11-0 R Goldstein

4.15 HASTINGS HURDLE (Handicap; £1,100: 3m) (7)
000 02000: Dimple 5-11-0 R Goldstein
001 21000: Dimple 5-11-0 J Supple
002 02000: Double 5-11-0 R Goldstein

Wetherby

2.0 WHARFEDGE HURDLE (Selling; £1,000: 2m) (18 runners)
3-10: Westdale 5-11-11
3-11: Gay Walk 7-11-6 M Thompson

3.10 H. S. COMMERCIAL CHASE (Handicap; £7,071: 3m 100y) (7)
1-41: Captain John 9-12-2 R Emms
1-42: Lightfoot 9-11-11 R Emms

5.30 BILTON HURDLE (4yo novices; £850: 2m) (9)
0-21: Caswell 11-4-0 K Whyte
0-22: 11-4-0 K Whyte

RUNNERS AND RIDERS FOR 16 BANK HOLIDAY RACE MEETINGS

Newcastle

(Television (ITV) 2.15, 2.45 races)
Draw advantage: none
1.45 JESMOND STAKES (2y-o; £1,184: 5f) (6 runners)
BRILLIANT D N Southey 5-11 M Bick
CRISPALIAN M H Smith 8-11 M Bick

2.15 NORTHERN FREE HANDICAP (3y-o; £3,887: 7f) (11)
122: MARYBOND (C) (J W Ward) 5-7 M Dale
123: BERRYVET (Lad H de Walden) P Wilmott 9-10
124: FOREFAST (H) (R Hunt) Dunning 4-5-9

3.45 GOG BROOK STAKES (2Y-O maiden fillies; £2325: 10f) (12)
0-20: BERRYVET (Lad H de Walden) P Wilmott 9-10
0-21: FOREFAST (H) (R Hunt) Dunning 4-5-9
0-22: MEL HEART (D) (Earl Hoag) G Lewis 5-9

Warwick

Draw Advantage: Low.
2.15 MARTON STAKES (3y-o; £890: 6f) (13 runners)
0-20: FLYING SCOTMAN (D) (R Holman) 8-11
0-21: MEL HEART (D) (Earl Hoag) G Lewis 5-9
0-22: MEL HEART (D) (Earl Hoag) G Lewis 5-9

3.15 LAST STRAW HANDICAP (Selling; £606: 1m) (14)
0-20: MONTE AGUILO (D) (Cottrell) 9-9-8 M Hills
0-21: CALARIST A Jones 7-9-9 A Lambourn
0-22: MONTE AGUILO (D) (Cottrell) 9-9-8 M Hills

Rest of the National Hunt programmes

Huntingdon

2.0 EASTER HURDLE (Selling; £770: 2m) (16 runners)
0-20: MARYBOND (C) (J W Ward) 5-7 M Dale
0-21: FOREFAST (H) (R Hunt) Dunning 4-5-9
0-22: MEL HEART (D) (Earl Hoag) G Lewis 5-9

Market Rasen

2.15 RASE HURDLE (Selling; £335: 2m) (12 runners)
1-00: G. Flatters 5-12-3 M Berton
1-01: G. Flatters 5-12-3 M Berton

Market Rasen

3.25 POSSETT & THORNE CHASE (Novices; £3,300: 2m) (10)
0-21: RICE 9-11-0 S Smith Eades
0-22: RICE 9-11-0 S Smith Eades

Market Rasen

4.0 WATERLOO HUNTER CHASE (Selling; £350: 2m 100y) (11)
0-21: BISHOP 7-11-5 M Farrar
0-22: BISHOP 7-11-5 M Farrar

Market Rasen

2.15 WARENFELD HURDLE (4yo novices; £375: 2m 330y) (6 runners)
0-20: BERRYVET (Lad H de Walden) P Wilmott 9-10
0-21: FOREFAST (H) (R Hunt) Dunning 4-5-9

Market Rasen

2.45 SOUTHWAITE CHASE (Handicap; £215: 2m) (5)
0-21: 2-45: 2-45: 2-45: 2-45: 2-45

Towcester

2.0 DINCOTE HURDLE (Dv 1 maidens; £645: 2m) (7 runners)
0-20: BISHOP 7-11-5 M Farrar
0-21: BISHOP 7-11-5 M Farrar

Towcester

3.15 HOLIDAY HURDLE (Selling; £370: 2m 100y) (10)
0-20: BISHOP 7-11-5 M Farrar
0-21: BISHOP 7-11-5 M Farrar

Towcester

3.45 NEWTON WILLIAMS CHASE (Handicap; £1,815: 3m 100y) (8)
0-20: BISHOP 7-11-5 M Farrar
0-21: BISHOP 7-11-5 M Farrar

Nottingham

Draw advantage: 5f and 6f high.
2.15 LITTLE JOHN STAKES (2y-o maidens; £780: 5f) (6 runners)
CASAR KID S Matthews 9-0 J Johnson
GUTTER BROOK N Cavanagh 9-0 G Sedgley

2.45 ROBIN HOOD STAKES (2y-o maidens; £280: 6f) (14)
0-20: ALAKEE T TIME 5-7 P Ebdy
0-21: ALAKEE T TIME 5-7 P Ebdy

3.15 BROXTONE HANDICAP (H; £725: 6f) (19)
0-20: LEBORNE S Matthews 4-7 D Mottershead
0-21: LEBORNE S Matthews 4-7 D Mottershead

Chepstow NH

(Television (BBC1) 1.30, 2.0, 2.35, 3.10 races)
1.30 CASTLE HURDLE (Div 1) (4y-o novices; £1,025: 2m) (8 runners)
1-00: OUTFIELD (D) (A Linton) 11-6 G Smith
1-01: OUTFIELD (D) (A Linton) 11-6 G Smith

Chepstow NH

2.0 DUAL MIRROR CHASE (Novices; £2,602: 3m) (8)
0-20: HERR CAPTAIN J 7-11-7 M E Wharton
0-21: HERR CAPTAIN J 7-11-7 M E Wharton

Chepstow NH

2.25 P T S RACING HURDLE (Handicap; £4,986: 3m) (10)
0-20: ROBIN WOODER D 5-11-11 M J Davies
0-21: ROBIN WOODER D 5-11-11 M J Davies

Fakenham

2.15 BAYHAM HURDLE (Selling; £1,190: 2m 120y) (12 runners)
0-20: ST. JOHN 6-11-7 M Moor
0-21: ST. JOHN 6-11-7 M Moor

Fakenham

3.25 BRIDGEMAN HURDLE (Handicap; £1,190: 2m 120y) (12 runners)
0-20: ST. JOHN 6-11-7 M Moor
0-21: ST. JOHN 6-11-7 M Moor

Newton Abbot

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Today's television and radio programmes

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BBC 1

6.00 Contax AM News headlines, weather, traffic and sport. Also available to viewers with sets that do not have the teletext facility.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selma Scott. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter-hour, regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; keep fit between 8.45 and 9.00; morning paper review at 9.22 and 8.32.

TV-am

6.30 Good Morning Britain presented by Mary and Michael Parkinson. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; pop video at 6.55; Disney special at 7.45; ideas for bored youngsters at 8.10; morning paper review at 8.30; Shed Vision with Roland Rat at 9.02. Closes down at 9.15.
10.50 Film: Kidnapped (1972) starring Michael Caine and Trevor Howard. Robert Louis Stevenson's celebrated adventure set in Scotland at the time of the Battle of Culloden. Directed by Delbert Mann.

BBC 2

11.00 Play School. For the under fives. 11.25 Closes down.
3.30 Film: How the West Was Won (1962) starring John Wayne, Henry Fonda, James Stewart, Carroll Baker and Gregory Peck. A history of the conquest of the Great Western Frontier told through the fortunes of one family, covering the period 1830 to 1880. The film is on such a vast scale that it took three directors to make it - Henry Hathaway, John Ford and George Marshall.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Show Boat (1936) starring Irene Dunne and Alan Ladd. A week-long series of afternoon musicals. Magnolia, the beautiful daughter of the captain of a Mississippi show boat, becomes the star attraction when she takes the place of the leading member of the boat's revue. She is also swept off her feet by handsome, singing, gambler Gaylord Ravenal. Directed by James Whale.
5.55 Toni Basil Special. A second chance to see the programme displaying the many talents of this singer and dancer from Los Angeles. She also stars in a new programme to be shown on Friday.

CHOICE

More than 150 amateur and professionally-made films from the 1930s were screened for Alan YOUNG HAVING FUN? (Channel 4 7.00 pm), an hilarious compilation illustrating how serious a business it was to go on holiday. Twenty-three films were finally chosen - the earliest shot in Brighton in 1895, the last a week-long series of films for the BBC - Happy As Can Be. The first part of the programme consists of silent films accompanied by the demonic piano playing of Richard McLaughlin. Although amusing, they are nowhere near as funny as the films in the second half. These include the not-to-be-missed promotional film, Eastern Sunshines, sponsored by the Great Yarmouth Council in 1932 to promote their resort's attractions and Winter Tour, made in 1948, in the pouring rain, by an Essex coach company to promote South Coast tours in the winter. Researcher Fiona Murphy and director Peter West have put together a joyful hour of innocent entertainment.

RADIO 4

6.00 News Briefing, 6.10 Music on Taps, 6.25 Shipping Forecast. Today, including a special for the day, 6.55, 7.05 Weather, 7.15 Today's News, 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.30, 8.30 News, 8.40, 9.40 Today's News, 7.45 Thought for the Day, 8.25 The Week on 4, 8.45 The Broken Saddle by James Aldridge (I), 8.57 Weather, Travel, 9.00 News, 9.05 The Week, 9.10 News, 10.02 Mooty Boat, 10.20 Monday Story, 10.45 Daily Service, 11.00 News, 11.05 You and Yours, 12.27 Just A Minute, 12.55 Weather, Travel, Programme Forecast, 1.00 The World As One News, 1.40 The Archers, 1.55 Shipping Forecast, 2.00 News, 3.00 Hour, 3.02 Afternoon Theatre: 'La Sirena' by Maurice Du Maurier's novel 'Trigly'.

RADIO 3

6.30 Just The Six, 6.40 Story Time 'Looks and Smiles' by Barry Hines (A), 6.50 PM: News, 6.55 Shipping Forecast, 7.00 Weather, 7.05 Programme News, 7.15 The Six O'Clock News: Financial Report, 7.20 News, 7.30 In Sorry, I Haven't A Clue, 7.40 News, 7.45 The Archers, 7.50 East Anglia Special, 8.00 The Monday Play: 'Engagement at Marston' by Bruce Stewart, 8.20 Kaleidoscope: Arts magazine, 8.35 The World Tonight: News, 8.50 Science Now, 10.00 A Book At bedtime: 'Belshazzar and True' (I) by Desmond Lowden, 11.15 Rolf Harris Songs, 11.20 News, 11.25 The Cotswolds, 11.30 News, 11.35 Shipping Forecast: Inshore Forecast, VHF with above except 6.25-6.30 Weather, Travel, 1.25-2.00 Evening Current, 5.50-5.55 PM (continued).

RADIO 1

6.00 Adrian John with The Early Show, 7.00 Mike Read, 8.00 Simon Bates, 11.30 Dave Lee Travis, including 12.30 Newsbeat, 1.30 Joan Armatrading - A Special Lady, Joan talks to Murray, 2.30 Billie Holiday, 3.30 Gary Davies, 4.30 Peter Powell (including 5.30 Newsbeat), 7.00 Platform 9 (new series), 8.00 David Jensen, 9.00 John Peel, 10.00 Clive Selous, 10.30 John Peel, 11.00 Clive Selous, 11.30 John Peel, 12.00 Clive Selous, 12.30 John Peel.

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Phone-in shuttle ready to go

From Christopher Thomas New York

After a host of false starts, the Challenger, America's newest space shuttle, is ready for launch today from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The mission has been plagued with trouble including leaks from the engine and contamination from a dust storm, but all looks well for the craft as its four astronauts to blast off at 7.30 p.m. BST.

Its sister ship, the Columbia, has completed five successful trips, proving the concept of the reusable space ship and establishing the practicability of a commercial service for deploying satellites.

The Challenger lighter and more powerful than the Columbia, is due to launch a communications satellite that will be vital to the deployment later this year of the first space lab.



620 Novas stand by for battle

Days after the lifting of the ban by Vauxhall unions on the import of General Motors' new car, the Nova, 620 cars were unloaded yesterday morning at Royal Portbury Dock, Avonmouth, Bristol.

The cars, made in Spain and known as the Continent as Corsa, will go on sale next month to compete with BL's Metro and Ford's Fiesta.

Vauxhall is looking to the Nova to fill a gap in its model range because of the absence of a modern small car. This section of the market accounts for about one in three of all cars sold in Britain.

With the arrival of Nova, Vauxhall's already remarkable recovery is expected to gain further momentum with its market share increasing from 15 per cent to more than 20 per cent.

Panic grips West Bank towns Another 400 schoolgirls 'poisoned'

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Severe Palestinian rioting erupted in many parts of the occupied West Bank yesterday in fierce local reaction to the news that 400 more Palestinian schoolgirls had been struck down with the mysterious disease which affected more than 300 others last month in the town of Jenin.

Bank towns, two Israeli soldiers were wounded in Nablus when a hand grenade was thrown at them as they guarded the hospital where scores of the affected girls were being treated with intravenous glucose drips and oxygen masks.

likely explanation for the symptoms is a form of toxic overexposure. The deputy director of Jenin hospital, Dr Samir Abdul Jabbar, recently said that mass hysteria accounted only for the minority of cases in his town.

When I telephoned the home of the acting Palestinian mayor, Mr Mustapha Natche, a hysterical woman who answered said in broken English: "It is terrible. We are being poisoned by gas from the water", and then rang off.

Hope fades for Reagan Middle East proposal

Continued from page 1

Such negotiations have been an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon; so far the Israelis have not pulled their army back so much as a mile from central Lebanon.

WASHINGTON: President Reagan telephoned King Husain on Thursday, reflecting his continuing hope that Jordan would soon be able to join broader Middle East peace negotiations, Administration officials said.

Today's events

New exhibitions Marine paintings and water colours by Timothy R Thompson, James Atkinson Gallery, 38 King Street, Sandwich, Kent; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Sun; (from today until April 23).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,094

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers in the starting squares. The grid is 15 squares wide and 15 squares high.

- ROSS 1 They get their answers right here (7). 2 County having bestirred itself gets a move on (5,2). 3 Naaman perhaps or his sword? (9).

Music

Organ recital by Roy Massey, Hereford Cathedral, 1. Organ recital by Donald Spinks, Norwich Cathedral, 11. City Temple Easter Celebration, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 3 and 6.30.

General

Eastern activities for children, Haggis Castle, Pollokshields, Glasgow, from 10.15. Ideal Home Exhibition, Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, SW5, 10 to 8 (ends today).

Anniversaries

Births: Grigal Gibbons, sculptor and wood carver, Rotterdam, 1648; Sir William Siemens, physicist and engineer, 1823.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000; 1627490831 (the winner comes from Surrey); £50,000; 851929431 (Birmingham); £25,000; 9XP921923 (Surrey).

Top films

Top box-office films in London last week: (1) Gandhi 372,000; (2) The Verdict 118,000; (3) The Missionary 107,000; (4) Local Hero 107,000; (5) Mad Max 2/Mad Max 107,000.

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,093 will appear next Saturday

Nature notes

Blackcaps are back from the Mediterranean, joining the increasing numbers who now stay in Britain for the winter. Though they are inconspicuous birds, their rich song fills the garden and woods.

National Days

Hungary's National Day today commemorates the country's liberation from the Nazis in 1945. Although the invasion by the Soviet Union began in September, 1944, fighting on Hungarian soil continued until the last village was cleared of Nazis on April 4, 1945.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Belgium Fr 74.75, Canada \$ 1.96, Denmark Kr 13.15, France Fr 11.87, Germany DM 3.70, Greece Dr 128.00, Hongkong \$ 10.25, Ireland P 1.27, Italy Lira 2160.00, Japan Yen 372.00, Netherlands Gld 4.15, Norway Kr 11.45, Portugal Esc 153.00, South Africa Rd 1.79, Spain Ptas 202.00, Sweden Kr 11.48, Switzerland Fr 3.17, USA \$ 1.51.

Holiday travel

ROAD London and South-east: Congestion at Westminster Bridge; Devizes to Westminster canoe race ends today at County Hall steps. A29 (N2)/M4: Heavy traffic heading for Brands Hatch, West Kingsdown, Kent, M4: Roadworks between junctions 11 and 12, near Reading.

The papers

Despite the British Government spending what amounts to £2m for each Falkland Islander, they are worse off now than they were before the invasion, says the Daily Mirror.

Weather

A depression will move slowly SE over England. 6 am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Angles: Dull and misty at first with rain and drizzle, and snow over hills, becoming brighter with showers; wind variable, light; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 49F).

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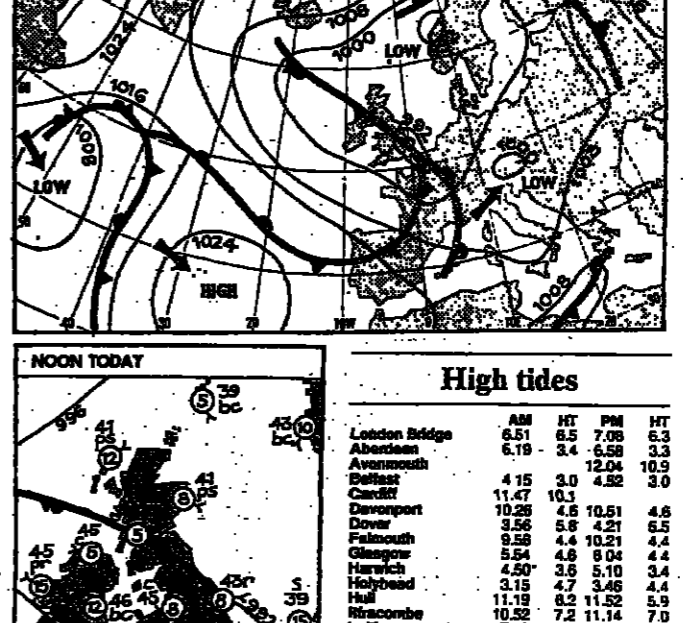
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High tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations: London Bridge 6.19, Aberystwyth 6.19, Cardiff 6.19, etc.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions for various locations around Britain: Scarborough 10C, Bournemouth 10C, etc.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions for various locations abroad: Moscow 10C, Tokyo 10C, etc.

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